tained a good job, and would take little Georgie with him. So, she said, she took the child to the station the next day, where, after a tearful parting, her cousin took charge of him. She then returned to Schenectady, and on Thursday left there for Rochester, where she intended to earn some money, and then go to Chicago to find her boy and cousin.

Accused of the Murder.

"Do you know," said Acting Director Maguire, speaking slowly, "that the dead body of your little son has been found in a vacant lot just over the city line of Albany? Do you know that he was killed by being forced to drink carbolic acid and that you are charged with the

murder? "My God!" screamed Mrs. Melber. "My God! I charged with my boy's murder!

To God's face I declare my innocence." Sobbing hysterically, the woman was removed at once to the matron's floor, where she was formally charged with murder in the first degree. As the charge was read to her she broke down completely and admitted that she had the failed to get her little son in the in- change occurred to-day in the United States Detroit organization, but presented modstitution at Albany she took him to a drug store in Albany, where she bought ten cents' worth of carbolic acid. They walked out into the suburbs, and while walking the child said he was thirsty. She said she gave him the bottle and he She could not recall what happened after that. She denied that she forced the child to drink the poison. She did not recall, she said, leaving his little body in the tall weeds of the lot. She was then locked up.

Albany, Jan. 13 .- The body of the fiveyear-old boy found dead in a swamp on the Schenectady road last Tuesday and believed to have been murdered by the forcible administration of carbolic acid was identified by relatives to-day as that of Georgie Melber, of Schenectady. The identification was made by George Melber, a Schenectady blacksmith, the boy's grandfather, and Charles S Smith, of Schenectady, an uncle

Georgie Melber's father, a well-to-do to-day that from the first there was friction between Mrs. Melber and the husband's family regarding the care of the child, and that in September, 2009, notithatanding the desire of the family to take charge of the lad, his mother placed him in the Schenectady Children's Home. Last week Thursday, Mrs. Melber called for the boy at the home of Mr Smith, the uncle, and took him to the where she was working. They

Mrs. Melber left Schenectady with Georgie last week on Friday afternoon. She told her husband's relatives that she was taking the boy to Albany, where he would meet an uncle, who would take him West and look after him. She returned to the place where she worked at & o'clock in the evening, and remained

there until last Wednesday On Wednesday night the story of the finding of the body appeared in the newspapers. Early that day Mrs. Melber told her employer that she had received a telegram from Syracuse which made fired at the Governor. necessary a hasty journey to that city. For some reason her mistress was suspicious, and on calling up the local telethat no message addressed to Mrs. Melber had been received. On Wednesday express for the West, checking her trunk

the authorities were trying to get the description of a man who bought a ticket to California at the Schenectady rail-roma office last Wednesday on the suppo-sition that the woman might have joined

## Firemen Have Narrow Escape in are not carried in Murphy's waistcost Reade Street Fire.

means of the high pressure system. The building, a six story brick edifice, took as to bolt the party caucus in Now 161 and 163 Reade street and No. 305 Greenwich street, and was in the heart of the Washington Market district. Ramshackle houses were on either side, and predicted, the fire might have been as disblocks were burned out.

by Chief Croker in testimony before the legislative investigating committee where a Morphy is a little uneasy about the outin Baltimore and San Francisco.

jured.

plied with ammonia from a building on the influence in his bailiwick. opposite corner, but this source of danger was quickly shut off. The total damage was not more than \$50,000.

Their Trust in Governor. anything more to do with John H. Mc-Cooey, Democratic leader of Brooklyn. afternoon, when members of the Shepard Campaign Committee, of Brooklyn, and the Brooklyn Democratic Club met at the Most of the members of the Legislatura effice of Alonzo G. McLaughlin, No. 15 have gone home for the four-day racess William street, Manhattan. tended the conference

declared that the Brooklyn legislators stay here until Tuesday and W. F. Sheewould be unanimous for the selection of han is also here, the only one of the Sen-Edward M. Shepard for United States Sen- atorship candidates, except Daniel F. Coater, the independent Democrats of Brook- halan and D. Cady Herrick, whose home is lyn are convinced that he has gone over to Charles F. Murphy, Tammany Hall, and. incidentally, to William F. Sheehan. It is and would not come to Albany, considering

Copey, the independents say. Determined to place their hopes in Gov- in the hands of his friends. ernor Dix, a delegation of them will go to the Knickerbocker Hotel, Manhattan, this not expect to discuss politics during his of California politics introduced a railroad Democrats to support Mr. Shepard's candi-

## THE GOVERNOR SILENT; MURPHY STANDS PA

Little Change in the Senatorship Situation at Albany.

ALL POINTS TO SHEEHAN

Reports That T. M. Osborne and W. C. Osborn Will Resign Exaggerated-Shepard Men Still "Satisfied."

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, Jan. 13 .- With Governor Dix

Senatorship situation. There is chance, of ified demands. course, that William F. Sheehan won't be elected, but there's got to be a mighty big shift from the present condition of affairs Friends of Edward M. Shepard are workng hard for him, and refuse to believe industry.

A few Shepard men are yet endeavoring to shift the "sympathy" which they think Governor Dix has for Shepard into a chanel where it will produce practical and tangible results in the shape of votes in the had been made to involve all the sea-caucus. If they are succeeding in any de-"Boss" Murphy graciously permits some few old Democrats to express views to

which he says nothing. Also, he sees the Governor religiously once a day, just to show that diplomatic relations are maintained, despite all the loose talk about Governor Dix being about to think of beginning a fight against Tammany. the Governor this morning, and made an appointment for a further talk later in the machinist, died in 1907. Mr. Smith said day. Afterward Governor Dix said his position was unchanged. He didn't think he'd

choice for Senator was.
"Would that be interpreted as interfer with the Legislature "I think not, except, probably, by indi

"Have you stated your preference to

members of the Legislature?"

"I have not. The Governor, in reply to a query, said he had not received any suggestion from national Democratic leaders at Washingregarding the senatorship. said that he had no appointments with any county leaders to talk over the situation

## No Public Declaration Expected.

The Governor indicated that he didn't expect to make any public declaration of his position, and didn't see any reason why he should interfere in any way with the work f the Legislature in choosing a Senator

'Have you heard reports," he was asked that Thomas Mott Osborne and William Church Osborne felt so strongly on the subject that they were considering presenting their resignations?" was a parting shot No. I hadn't heard it," he replied

The report, by the way, seems somewhat exaggerated. Thomas Mott Osborne, who graph offices, the police say, she learned is engineering the Shepard campaign along with Colonel Rice and others of the Democratic League, saw the Governor to-day. morning Mrs. Melber drove off alone in and discussed the senatorship with him. a cab and, it is learned, took the 12:42 He didn't present any resignation, and said of resigning.

Relatives told the police that they had entirely satisfied with the state of affairs, the old familier views of the suspected for some time that Mrs. Mel- We think his prospects for election are the well known figures of the faculty were no reason to believe that thrown on the screen fornia. Before the arrest in Rochester the result is foreclosed and that Mr. Sheehan or any other candidate is slated for New York Central; Professor George A election by anybody other than the legistice, of the Union Theological Seminary. lators, whose votes will register their and the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Vulers also choice.

in the power of the legislators under the "L" PASSENGERS SEE BLAZE warrants this view. So at least think a vert, James N. Hudnut and F. Leon Shelp. few of the upstate Democrats, whose votes

There has been much talk to-night among Passengers during the rush hour on the men like Roosevelt and Loomis, and White, President Shanklin Chief Speak-Ninth avenue elevated trains last night of Schenectady-the independent Demowere carried past a burning building at crats, such as there are-of refusing t Reade and Greenwich streets. The trains, enter the caucus. The ground for any such at slow speed. literally went under the action would be that the caucus action was flames and smoke, but without coming near a foregone conclusion, and that the man enough to be in danger, so the passengers slready selected-Sheehan-was one to crowded the platforms and watched the fire whom they could not give their votes. Only one alarm was turned in, and the Whether or not these men will take so fremen, under Deputy Fire Chief Binns, drastic a step has not been decided by turned on thousands of gallons of water them, and other Democrats think it distinctly improbable that they will go so far

## Democratic Leaders at Dinner.

Murphy and McCooey and Cohalan and Sheehan had dinner together to-night. The at times it looked as though they would be dinner was prolonged into a political distold of the progress and aims of the institucular in the blaze, in which case, it was cussion, in which D. Cady Herrick and tion and of plans in the hands of the trusastrous as the Tarrant drug house fire, in joined. Patronage was considered quite as | 000, half of which is to be applied on new Warren street, in 1898, when nearly two much as the senatorship fight. The affair broke up toward midnight. Everybody im-The district is one of those described plicated was as loquacious as a clam. There is just one tinge of evidence that

conflagration might occur similar to those look. That is the close attention he is giving to the attitude of individual legislators. The most spectacular part of the fire was A certain upstate county in the percelling on the Reade street side, where flames out of jobs presented its claims to oneshot out of every window. Sixteen fire- not a very big job, either. Strange as it men had a narrow escape from being in- may seem in this day of job-grabbing, there jured there. They had climbed to a shed was only one applicant for that job. He reof, when suddenly sheets of flame burst had the indorsement of his state and through the windows of the second floor. county committeemen. But he was told The fremen dropped their hose, and some that before snything could be done he'd of them shinned down the ladders to the have to get Murphy's O. K. So he went street and others jumped. None was in- to Murphy and expressed his aspirations toward the state's payroll. Incidentally On the third floor of the building on the he mentioned that his leaders were for him. Reade street side was a refrigerator, sup- He is a man not without some political

The one question Murphy asked was "Where will your legislators stand on the Senatorship?" The aspirant will not get The aspirant will not get any decision as to that job until after the QUIT M'COOEY; GOING TO DIX Senator is elected. Murphy, as chief pat-Brooklyn Shepardites to Put tion, who will have the decision about all the choice committee places in the Legislature, seems to have a grip on the situ-The Shepardites are not going to have ation which nobody here is likely to break. Governor Dix might be able to do it, but to the sorrow of some of the ardent That much was settled upon yesterday Shepard men he inn't manifesting any disposition to disturb the harmony in his re-

Mr. Mo- taken last night. Governor Dix goes to of the Appellate Division, Second Depart- not stop the train in time, and he was Laughlin is president of the club. David New York early to-morrow morning, and ment, and designated Supreme Court Jus- cut to pieces. Boody, chairman of the committee, at- will not return until Sunday. Thomas M. tice James A. Betts, of Kingston, as an Osborne will go to his home in Auburn In spite of the statement made by Mr. to-morrow, expecting to come back Sunday Third Department, in place of Justice A. V. McCoocy a couple of days ago, in which he afternoon. Charles F. Murphy intends to S. Cochran, of Hudson, who has requested

in Albany, now on the ground.
Mr. Osborne said to-night that Mr. Shepuseless to expect anything more from Mc- it more dignified to keep away from the scene of the conflict and leave his interests

afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and meet the Gov- New York trip, which is undertaken priernor. They will lay the situation before marily to attend three dinners to-morrow sembly to-day. The bill authorizes the him and ask him in the name of all decent night. Asked if he would see Mayor Gaynor, he replied that he had no such ex- stead of maximum rates, and penalizes dacy. This programme was determined on pectation unless the Mayor attended one of both the railroads and railroad agents who these dinners.

## TO PARALYZE ALL SHIPPING EDDY TRUSTEES TO

International Marine Strike at Atlantic Ports Threatened.

The international marine strike of the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union against the International Shipping Federation will take place in May, during coronation week, it was announced yesterday by Matthew Tearel, secretary of the union. This threatened strike had its inception in the demands of the International Longshoremen's Association which has its headquarters in Detroit for an increase of five cents an hour. with extra money for overtime and holl

The details of the contemplated strike were announced on December 17, 1910 and since that time the men have been holding conferences with representatives of the steamship companies in an effort

to reach some kind of an agreement. The Longshoremen's Protective Association, a local union, when approached declaring he was taking no part in the Sen- by the delegates of the Detroit union, atorship fight, even by indirection, and refused to indorse the demands emlied throughout. She said that when Charles F. Murphy standing pat, little bodied in the agreement signed by the

After more than six weeks' deliberation the unions have decided to call a strike during coronation week in London, the busiest season of the shipping the fight is all over. Some of them even last night that he had received an offisay they still expect him to be the choice cial communication from J. Havelock the Democratic caucus Monday night. Wilson, Member of Parliament, the president of the National Sailors and Firemen's Union of Great Britain, in which it was stated that arrangements

try. The seamen of Great Britain and Conferences still are going on, at which her dependencies would also be affected by the strike order, it was said, and in addition a general strike of the longshoremen and miners of the world would be ordered. This would have the effect of tying up every liner at her pier, and practically paralyze shipping throughout the world, said Secretary Tearel.

#### ROCHESTER ALUMNI DINE tell Mr. Murphy, he said, who his personal Stereopticon Views of Campus Scenes Excite Enthusiasm.

Dr. Rush Rhees, president of Rochester their dinner in the Hotel Astor last night that the time had come to acknowledge frankly the need for a return to the older dea of culture which had been obscured by an obsession for vocational education. Dr. Rhees said he hoped that competition between educational soon become a sort of lege majesty, and that they would co-operate with each other

the one aim of public good. "In some sense it is better to know man than to know nature," he said. of history, of a sensitive appreciation of terature-scholars-a product that we ave failed to turn out in America.

Borough President McAneny was introgod by R. C. E. Brown, president of the problem. He did not state his position on the question, but said the decision on the subway route would determine the fect this city 'I think it is simply consistent to say,

Mr. McAneny continued, "that an important thing like this will bear more consideration. There are weighty matters to be secure for the city the best it can get." About sixty alumni gathered to pay tri

ute to Rochester. The good fellowship that spread over all in the course of the dinner broadened when stereopticon pictures of

spoke. Among those present were William This is reposing a great deal of confidence R. Willcox, chairman of the Public Service Commission; Rossiter Johnson, Dr. Murphy regime. The situation here hardly John P. Munn, the Rev. Dr. John B. Cal-

## WESLEYAN NEEDS \$2,000,000 er at Annual Alumni Dinner.

The Wesleyan University Club of New York City held its annual dinner at the Hotel Astor last night. Sixty alumni met to talk over old times and to discuss mor serious matters relating to the welfare of

George M. La Monte, president of the slub, read a letter from Dr. Woodrow Wilon, who was an instructor at Wesleyan before going to Princeton, expressing his regret at his inability to attend, owing to

the pressure of public business. The principal speaker was William C. Shanklin, president of the university, who McCabe, Senate clerk, finally tees for increasing its endowment by \$2,000,buildings. He explained that the trustees were looking chiefly to the alumni for assistance in raising these funds, and called

on them to form a closer union for the welfare of the college. Other speakers were Professor C. T. Winchester, Martin Knapp, Washington; Ste-phen Olin, of New York; Phineae C. Lounsbury, former Governor of Connecticut: John E. Andrus, of Yonkers; R. D. Petty, of the New York Law School; James N. Brown, of New York, and W. Randall Montgomery,

representing the undergraduates. The oldest living graduate, Judge George Reynolds, of New York, of the class of 1841, was an honored guest. He was not able to speak, but was loudly cheered by the guests for his loyalty in attending the

The Jivers Club, an organization of etudente, sang college songs.

## FOR SUCCESSOR TO WHITNEY

#### Several Candidates Recommended to Dix-New Designation.

Albany, Jan. 12.-Governor Dix has re- manner in the midst of the rush hour in ceived letters recommending several candi- Brooklyn last evening. It was at 6:15 death of Justice Edward B. Whitney. lines that run through the lower portion of Among the candidates are Henry D. Hotchkiss, Francis K. Pendleton, Daniel P. Hayes the crowd when a Ridgewood train drew and R. Burnham Moffat, of New York.

associate justice of the Appellate Division, S. Cochran, of Hudson, who has requested that he be returned to trial work

## CALIFORNIA AFTER RAILROADS

Proposed Commission Authorized Establish Actual Rates.

nission bill in the Senate and the Ascommission to establish actual rates, insuch a marked decrease in accidents that the railway company has decided to dis-miss its corps of doctors. violate the orders of the commission.

# FIGHT FOR BEQUEST

Attack on Will Alarms Officials of Mother Church in Boston.

#### HASTY CONFERENCES HELD

Two More Bills Declaring Gift Invalid Filed in Courts at Concord-Science Leaders Plan Legal Contest.

[Hy Telegraph to The Tribun Boston, Jan. 13.-Alarmed by the attack on the will of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, board of trustees of the Mother Church of Boston held a hasty meeting this afteron, which was followed by a conference hand, with their attorneys, at which plans were aid for their fight in opposition to the heirs

This conference, will be continued orrow, when the board of trustees will go over the petition filed by George W. Glover and Dr. E. J. Foster Eddy in which they allege that the \$2,000,000 bequest of Mrs. Eddy to the Mother Church is in violation of the law. The contents of the will also are to be fully discussed.

of Mrs. Eddy.

The hasty action of the trustees church was stimulated by word they re ceived while in session that a second bil had been filed in the United States Circul-Howe, attorney for E. J. Foster Eddy, also seeking a construction of the law and leging the bequest of Mrs. Eddy to the Boston church to be null and void

When announcement of the filing of this second bill was made there was great excitement among the leaders of the Scientightly together, Calvin A. Fry, former secretary of Mrs. Eddy, was sent to Concord where he was closeted for hours with Generel Frank S. Streeter, the leader of the egal representatives of the Scientists of

Both the petitions filed in Concord, one the Merrimack County Superior Court and one in the federal court, allege that the \$2,000,000 bequest is invalid on the ground of a violation of the statutes of both New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The New Hampshire law sets forth that no bequest shall be made to a single church by a resident of that state, the income exceeds \$5,000 a year. The Massachusetts law says that no single church shall rewould ceive a bequest the income of which shall exceed \$2,000 a year, independent of parson age land. Both bills name George W. Glover, of

Lead, S. D., and Dr. E J. Foster Eddy "We as the only heirs at law, and state that men of thought, of large knowledge Mrs. Eddy was a resident of Concord when inder the laws of that state.

Adding to the disquiet which now pr vertified but still persistent, that an atthe will was made. This new turn is ex- with pride, however, to the fact that they contracts according to the Bensel form pected to materialize when the will comes rustees and their attorneys are preparing to be in Concord when the time comes for

The trustees present at to-day's meeting were Archibald McLellan, Stephen A John V. Dittemore. The Boston attorney are Samuel J. Elder and William M. Morse With the filing of a second bill there were added three exhibits-a copy of M. Baker and Josiah C. Fernald, and a breakers, postoffice robbers and yeggmen copy of the agreement with E. J. F. Eddy which was signed with

of the 'next friends.'

ustees from removing from Merrimack chusetts County any of the personal property of the Eddy estate, catimated to be \$2.500,000 in to-night that Fisher is wanted for robberbill filed by George W. Glover, and in ocuments already published, are taken up, as well as details necessary to be allered to bring the matter within jurisdic tion of the federal court

## HELD ON HOMICIDE CHARGE

Patrolman Maintains Shooting of Woman Was Accidental. James T. Weish, a patrolman of the West

47th street station, was held responsible last evening by Coroner Feinberg for the death of Lucy Chabenez, the Bayonne, N. J., woman who was shot to death at Seventh avenue and 28th street on Novem-Charged with homicide, he was held in \$10,000 bonds for the action of the

Weish described the shooting as purely accidental. In this he was correborated by Mrs. Cora Myler, of No. 325 West 47th street, and by several other witnesses Welsh said he lived at No. 420 West 51s street, and that on November 21, his day off, he started out for an outing with Mrs Myler. He testified that upon reaching Seventh avenue and 28th street he stepped into a Chinese laundry to get a match fo his cigarette. Mrs. Myler complained of having been insulted by an Italian wher he returned to her

Continuing, he told how they walked along 28th street for a short distance, when he received a violent blow on the head from behind. Drawing his revolver, turned and fired in the direction of his assailant. He did not see any one fall. after firing went on his way with Mrs Myler. He gave as his reason for denying the firing of his weapon that he wished to save her from notoriety.

#### JUMPS BEFORE "L" TRAIN Man Leaps from Crowded Plat

form of a Brooklyn Station. A man committed suicide in a spectacular

clock, when the crowds were greatest Court bench. First District, caused by the the Bridge street station of the elevated Myrtle avenue. The man was standing in The Governor to-day redesignated Justice stopped, he threw himself under the wheels Woodard, of Buffalo, as an associate justice The frantic efforts of the motorman could For a time a panic was threatened.

Those who had seen the suicide said the man had deliberately leaped in front of the train. The motorman said it was a plain case of suicide, and was not held. In the clothes of the man, who was well

dressed, was the card of H. N. Schroeder, a confectioner, of No. 415 East 6th street, Manhattan, and the last paragraph of a letter, which ran: "I hope you will be able to obtain a position as soon as you can. My son Benny and myself are doing Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 13.—The adminis. fine. Your cousin, Rose Gordon, No. 705 tration elected last November on a plat-NO DOCTORS FOR PAY-IN CARS.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—Since the pay-with

cars have been in use by the Philadel-

phia Traction Company there has been

Patrolman Dying, One Italian Dead, Brother Fatally Hurt.

In a fight with revolvers in Mount Vernon yesterday afternoon, Patrolman Pasquale J. Ruffalo was mortally wounded by a bullet from his own weapon, Arturo Tiso was killed, and Alex andro Tiso, his brother, was wounded fatally. Several hundred returning commuters witnessed the affray.

Alexandro Tiso went from his home in State Engineer Drawing Up New Manhattan to Mount Vernon yesterday to see his brother Arturo, and found him in Patsy Lombardt's saloon, brandishing revolver. Lombardi told him to take his brother out. A scuffle ensued, and the Tiso brothers were ejected.

Patrolman Ruffalo then told Arturo Tiso he was under arrest for creating a disturbance. Alexandro Tiso remonstrated and a fight followed. Ruffalo saw the revolver in Arturo Tiso's hand, about to award, to that body for its reand drawing his own revolver, opened fire. The brothers closed in on Ruffalo, whose revolver was knocked from his Just which of the brothers shot the

officer was not known, but witnesses said

Alexandro picked up Ruffalo's revolver

placed it against the patrolman's back and fired. Ruffalo fell to the sidewalk with a bullet in his spine. Arturo Tiso He declined to discuss the details of the atdropped to the ground at the same time. fair, but did reply to what the Governor Alexandro Tiso ran away, but was captured in bed at his brother's home. He was taken to a hospital, where it was said he would probably die from a Arturo Tiso died shortly after he reached the hospital. raignment of the present contracts, and I would die. In an ante-mortem statement to Coroner Boedecker, he said Alexandro Tise was the man who shot him.

It was understood that Ruffalo was assigned to his post in the Italian dis- for certain work, and the labor and stone trict to try and unravel a Black Hand and other materials which went into the

Members Proud of Keeping Within Appropriation.

ELECTIONS BOARD REPORT

Figures in the annual report of Board, of Elections, filed with the Mayor yesterday, show a comparison between the enrolment, the vote at the primaries and comparison shows how small a percentage to the commission awarding the contracts of voters actually take part in the prima- if the form of contract was all right, but ries and how this year the vote on Elec- we've got to be sure about that" which, independent of parsonage land, tion Day fell below the enrolment, which was made on the days of registration. The table is as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY REPUBLICAN PARTY Manhattan and Bronx 89,719 Brooklyn 87,203

The report makes no mention of the fact that we have been too technical. As to the Commissioner of Accounts made an investigation of the board and handed n a somewhat critical report to Mayor Gaynor. The members of the board point are able to hand back to the city \$109,065 of provided the Democrats had not wiped it the \$1,056,750 appropriated for the use of the

YONKERS BURGLAR A CROOK form when we become satisfied that it is

Wanted in Many States, Say Postoffice Inspectors. Philadelphia, Jan. 13.-Frank Miller, alias

"Big Dutch," who was arrested here, charged with a number of burglaries in Yonkers, N. Y., was identified by postal attached; a copy of the trust deed execut- inspectors to-night as Frank Pisher. They

The trust deed was made when Mrs. Eddy claim on the prisoner in order that the abolishment of the commission had been made to the Governor by Democrats. Some the co-operation of the several states and sonal property in trust to the trustees numerous crimes charged against him in of the upstate Democratic legislators, who the United States in the establishment and the federal courts, among them a number have had a chance to see the kind of maintenance of permanent forests about An order is asked restraining the Eddy of postoffice robberles in Maine and Massa- work the commission has done since its the headwaters of the navigable streams in

Chief Postal Inspector Cortelyou said Other matters, some covered in the jes committed in Kansas, Missouri and other Western and Southern states, as well as in the East. Among his other aliases are "The Count" and Frank Buman. Skene, Democrat, say they will oppose the Governor's recommendation in the Legislature.

## THREE SHOT IN MT. VERNON DIX AND HOOKER CLASH PRENDERGAST HITS MAYOR

Governor Says Bensel Report Is Arraignment of Commission.

CHAIRMAN MAKES DENIAL

Form of Contract-Dix

Wants No Delay.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune ]

Dix sent to-day the report of State Engi-

neer Bensel on the good roads contracts,

sion along with the commission's reply

sel document to the commission the Gov-

Yes, I sent the report to the commission

thought it fair not to give it out until the

the maximum bid, and that sort of thing.

Contractors had to make a maximum bid

job weren't worth it, so that the state was

To this the Governor added that Mr.

tract now. He said if this were completed

before the proposed measure wiping out

the commission became law he was per-

award the contracts for good roads work

We want no delay," he said. "The work

I can't conceive how the Governor go

the idea there was any arraignment of the

Chairman Hooker of the Highway Com-

"There was no arraignment," he went

arraignment was not true, and the com-

Asked if the commission would award

of existence, Mr. Hooker replied:

fair and the state's interests are protected

adequately. We have no pride of author-

vention of favoritism in bidding are the

been completed, and will be introduced

cratic politicians who hope to get jobs un-

der the new regime have been displaying a

creation and have had practical oppor-

tunity to compare the state's roads now

and as they were under State Engineer

Skene, Democrat, say they will oppose the

It is understood that the bill designed United States District Attorney; George to carry out the Dix recommendations has Gordon Battle, Dr. N. P. Gibboney and

ersentials, and for them we stand."

according to this new form

'arraignment.

take or misunderstood."

willing to have the commission

mmission had had a chance to make its

It was rather a severe ar-

had said about it.

for a reply.

The Bensel report will be made public

sharp shot at the Board of Estimate's

"committee of the whole" meeting, scheduled for next Tuesday morning. Doesn't Want Secret Meeting. "Mitchel and I," he said, "don't want

to keep our views for a closed meeting of the Board of Estimate. We want to tell you our views on this question. There's no need of a committee of the whole. George H. Bell, the chairman of the Albany, Jan. 13.—Characterizing it as meeting, in introducing Mr. Mitchel, and

rather a severe arraignment," Governor later Mr. Prendergast, remarked very quietly that an introduction was entirely unnecessary, but he would say which the State Highway Commission was only that here were two men who believed in standing by the pledges they made when they asked for the people's Mr. Mitchel, after going over the tell

ing points of his speech delivered on Meantime S. Percy Hooker, chairman of Thursday night at Cooper Union, adthe commission, is wondering whether the dressed himself more particularly to the Governor read Bensel's communication or residents of Washington Heights wh not, and if he did, how he got the notion filled the hall. "For your interest in this question. that it was an arraignment of any sort.

he said, "let me point out to you that if the city builds its own system, complete and independent, down Seventh avenu-In announcing that he had sent the Ben- and up Lexington avenue, the Interborough will be forced to build its extensions with its own money, in order to compet on a paying basis."

With a map of the city's subways, present and proposed, he explained the benefits which would come quickly to defence. The point was that there was patrons of the Interborough in Washso much uncertainty about the contracts, ington Heights because of the spur of competition, and the hall full of daily subway travellers took in his every point with delight.

### paying more for its roads than they were WOULD SAVE THE FORESTS Bensel was drawing up a new form of con- North Carolina Society Calls on Senate for Action.

North Carolina is one of the greatest tobacco states in the Union, but not merely that. It is as fair a domain as the sun shines upon-a land dedicated to conservaon and to beauty, where each setting sun must be done. I should have no objection reflects a red glory against a schoolhous

These facts were all brought out by the speakers at the annual dinner of the North Carolina Society at the Hotel Astor last The chief speech was by Gifford commission in Mr. Bensel's letter," said Pinchot, entitled "Woodman, Spare that Tree." It was a most earnest, thoughtful mission. He was considerably exercised appeal for government ownership and proover the implication carried by the word tection of at least a part of lachian chain. Mr. Pinchet said the hardwood supply of the whole country was The only thing which looked like an rapidly disappearing, and that most of the supply of furniture woods must come from the Appalachians.

mission has the figures to prove that it "A large part of the region has fallen isn't true. The only criticism offered is into the hands of lumber companies," said maximum bid, which is required by the Mr. Pinchot. "This is one of those peculiar things that must be done at once, and yet law, I think the Governor has made a miscan't be done at once. It's been a curious warfare from the beginning. We have met in this whole conservation movement the bitter opposition of men in Congress to whom even the slightest study of the racts would have brought about a different point The work has got to be done. Of course, of view. We shall pay more for less the e will let contracts according to that

longer we wait." Other speakers were Holmes, State Senator Whitehead Klutz ship on this matter of the form of con- and C. O. Maas. Among the seventy-five guests were Dr. Carlos Macdonald, Walter tracts. Protection to the public and pre-L. McCorkle, of the Southern Society: H. Slater, John G. White, Henry A. Wis-

General Benjamin F. Tracy, Dr. W. E. soon after the Schatorship fight is over. Pritchard, president of the society, pre-Various contracting firms and some Demo. sided. Resolutions were adopted calling the society to petition the Senate of the trict Attorney of Yorkers to waive his lively interest in its details. It was said United States to pass at the present see to-right that many protests against the sion "as a measure of great national in

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